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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Mayumi TOMIKAWA et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1631

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Examiner: Michael L. BORIN

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EXTRACTING AND EVALUATING MUTUALLY SIMILAR PORTIONS IN ONE-DIMENSIONAL SEQUENCES IN MOLECULES AND/OR THREE-DIMENSIONAL STRUCTURES OF MOLECULES**

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed December 22, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on January 24, 2005 (January 22, 2005 being a Saturday).

The following is respectfully submitted in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(b) as required by said Notice.